

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) No. 4:14-CR-00178 HEA
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MELVIN L. WILSON,)
)
Defendant.)

SENTENCING HEARING

BEFORE THE HONORABLE HENRY E. AUTREY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

JUNE 8, 2015

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(PROCEEDINGS STARTED AT 10:35 A.M.)

(THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT AND WITH
THE DEFENDANT PRESENT.)

THE COURT: This is the matter of United States of America versus Melvin L. Wilson, also known as Melvin Lonnell Wilson, also known as Mike, also known as Polo, case number 4:14-CR-00178 HEA. This matter is before the Court for purposes of sentencing; the defendant having pleaded guilty on March 9th of this year to one count of transportation with intent to engage in prostitution. Sentencing was deferred pending receipt of a presentence investigation report which the Court has now received and reviewed in its entirety. Let the record now reflect defendant is present in open court with counsel, Mr. William Margulis; the Government is present through Ms. Jennifer Winfield. Mr. Margulis, on behalf of the defendant, are you ready to proceed?

MR. MARGULIS: Yes, we are, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Winfield?

MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Have you had the opportunity to review the presentence investigation report in this matter with your client, Mr. Margulis?

MR. MARGULIS: I have, yes, sir.

THE COURT: And as a result of that review, do you have any objections to the factual statements set out in the

1 report or to the way in which the drafter has applied the
2 guidelines in their advisory capacity?

3 MR. MARGULIS: No, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Any objections on behalf of the United
5 States?

6 MS. WINFIELD: No, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Very well. There being no objections to
8 the factual statements set out in the report or to the way in
9 which the drafter has applied the guidelines, the Court
10 accepts those facts and concludes therefrom that the total
11 offense level now applicable to the defendant is 29, the
12 appropriate criminal history category is six, which
13 establishes a guideline provision range of 120 months, a
14 period of supervised release of five years to life, and a
15 special assessment of \$100. Having so concluded, are we now
16 ready to proceed with sentencing?

17 MR. MARGULIS: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Anything you want to say on behalf of
19 your client before the Court imposes sentence in this matter,
20 Mr. Margulis?

21 MR. MARGULIS: Yes, Your Honor. I did file a
22 sentencing memorandum. The Court just indicated the guideline
23 range. The count that Mr. Wilson pled guilty to actually has
24 a ten-year statutory maximum, which I think comes out a little
25 bit lower than what the calculated guideline range is. As I

1 discussed in my sentencing memorandum and I know it's noted in
2 the presentence investigation report as well, we are asking
3 the Court to sentence Mr. Wilson to 84 months, and we are also
4 asking that the Court run the time concurrent to any time that
5 he has to do on his state probation revocation in the city,
6 the circuit court of the City of St. Louis, which is still
7 pending. I did note Mr. Wilson's rather difficult childhood
8 and upbringing, not that that is any excuse for his conduct in
9 the instant case, but I think it does shed light on how at
10 least it has affected his adulthood and the choices that he
11 has made, and I think he has recognized that as well based on
12 some of our conversations. So I would ask the Court to take
13 all that into consideration and sentence Mr. Wilson to 84
14 months concurrent to any time on his state probation case.

15 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Winfield, anything on
16 behalf of the United States?

17 MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor. At this time, the
18 Government is requesting a 120-month sentence in this case,
19 which technically although the maximum is 120 months, his
20 guideline range would have actually been 140 to 175, so
21 technically the 120 is below the guideline range in our
22 opinion. Your Honor, and that is based on Mr. Wilson's
23 extensive criminal history and just the facts surrounding this
24 case. The victim in this case was a young girl who was
25 manipulated, physically abused, sexually abused by Mr. Wilson,

1 and all of that, of course, is outlined in the PSR. I just
2 ask that the Court take into consideration the treatment and
3 the victim in this case most importantly. She dealt with a
4 lot. Not only that, the Government, of course, is aware of
5 Mr. Wilson's background as Mr. Margulis pointed out, but his
6 upbringing is no excuse for his continued criminal activity in
7 our community. Mr. Wilson is on probation right now with a
8 ten-year backup, and the Government will remain silent as it
9 did in the plea agreement regarding a concurrent or
10 consecutive sentence in this matter; however, we believe
11 anything below a 120-month sentence in this case would not
12 deter Mr. Wilson, nor would it deter anybody else in the
13 community. In addition to that, it would not be appropriate
14 in this particular case.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson, is there anything you want to
16 say in your own behalf?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, Your Honor. Your Honor, I
18 agree with Ms. Winfield when she say my background is not an
19 excuse for everything that went on or any decision that I
20 made. I'm a little nervous. You know, I'm going to get
21 sentenced. Yeah, I made the decisions that I made, Your
22 Honor. Whatever happened, you know what I'm saying, whatever
23 circumstances that came up, I made the decision, and I did
24 what I did, Your Honor. But just letting you know about me,
25 Your Honor, I think my childhood and everything, you know, was

1 pretty normal growing up, at least that's how I looked at it.
2 You know, I looked at it as being normal. Like my friends and
3 my peers and everybody I was around, when you grow up in a
4 neighborhood, they pretty much the same. You know what I'm
5 saying. Some people rise above and some people don't. It's
6 the choice that you make in life that get you where you at.
7 You know what I'm saying. And I think as far as I can
8 remember, I think I had it pretty okay.

9 My father, he was abusive. He beat on my mother. I
10 can remember times where, you know, even as a child, as a
11 little child, 6, 7 years old, I still have memories of
12 watching my father chase my mother with belts and stuff. I
13 love my father, and I love my mother. I think my
14 relationship -- just giving you insight on me, you know what
15 I'm saying, because I'm just right here on paper, you know
16 what I'm saying. As much as you know about me is what you
17 have in front of you. The man was abusive. My father beat my
18 mother, and I think my father showed favoritism towards me. I
19 was named after him. I was his first son, so I think that had
20 an effect on my family. I think I was probably looked at or I
21 was ostracized you could say with my siblings and my mother's
22 mother and her brothers. I think everybody looked at me
23 different because I was my father's son. I didn't see it
24 then, but that's just how I was raised. In my family, it was
25 pretty normal.

1 I remember watching my father try to kill my mother
2 one time. I think that's when everybody hated my father, but
3 I think that's the time where I think I started hating my
4 father, too. You know what I'm saying. I was like 12 years
5 old. I remember just coming into the room -- my father would
6 come and visit us after they got separated. I was about 12 or
7 13 when they separated. I remember coming in the room and
8 watching my father on top of my mother and stabbing her and
9 blood. You know, I felt helpless. I couldn't do nothing. I
10 think that's when I started hating my father, and I think
11 that's when things went bad for me, you know, because I didn't
12 have a father in the house. At the time they were married, I
13 was lucky to have two parents in the house. A lot of people
14 don't have that, a lot of my friends. You know what I'm
15 saying. So when I look at my situation, just thinking, I'm
16 like, man, I'm way lucky than them, I had a mother and a
17 father, but I think that I probably would have sacrificed that
18 early on having a father if I could have had something more
19 stable. You know what I'm saying.

20 I think when I seen my father try to kill my mother,
21 I think that did something to me, made me hate my father. And
22 my father was a crackhead. That's what made me not want to be
23 like my father, so I had this desire inside of me at that age
24 just to do different, but I just didn't have -- I guess I was
25 faced with choices. I was young, and I made those choices,

1 and I turned to the streets. You know, 13, 14, I think I was
2 stealing cars and selling drugs and, you know, stuff like
3 that. You would think it's rebellious, but I think when you
4 in a neighborhood, you know, you're like that age, it's no
5 excuse, but I think you just -- it's like a rite of passage
6 for us, you know what I'm saying, being a drug dealer or being
7 known that you're violative, stuff like that, so I think
8 that's what I turned to, Your Honor. And I think by the age
9 of 15, I was on heroin and I was selling crack. You know, and
10 I was trying. I thought I wanted to be everything but my
11 father, but I think I was turning into him early.

12 I think when I went to jail, Your Honor, I was 20
13 years old. You know, that's my first offense when I went for
14 a ten-year sentence, and I think, Your Honor, I think it was
15 for the best. You know what I'm saying. I think it did
16 some -- it kind of helped me. You don't want to be locked up,
17 but I think I probably would have been dead. You know what
18 I'm saying. The road I was on at the time, and I was using
19 heroin and I was just out there real bad at 20 years old, so I
20 think -- I had a son. I just had a son when I got locked up,
21 so I think while I was in there, I was just motivated. It
22 just it did something. Like my son just motivated me I think
23 to new heights. I just wanted to do so much and be so much
24 for him that when I was in there, I totally changed my life.
25 I became -- you know, I felt like I became a man, and I

1 started -- I thought I started making better decisions towards
2 my end, because when I was in there, I was kind of wild, but
3 towards the end I was coming home, I was like, you know what,
4 I want to do something different. I want to be somebody for
5 my son. I don't want to use drugs. I don't want to do that.

6 You know, when I came home -- I did eight and a half
7 years in there, and when I came home, I was 29, just turned 29
8 years old, and I felt I was a better man, and I took off
9 running, Your Honor. I took off running. I got a job like
10 the first two weeks I was home. I got a job. Within the
11 first six months, I had my own apartment, Your Honor, my own
12 vehicle. Six months later, I made field supervisor at my
13 heating and cooling company. I made field supervisor. I was
14 just motivated and I was working hard, Your Honor.

15 But, you know, life takes turns I think. You get
16 tested all the time. You know what I'm saying. Since I have
17 been locked up, people get religious. I have been reading the
18 Bible more. You know what I'm saying. I have been thinking
19 like it's those times when you are tested the most and when
20 you are right at your breaking point, that's when you're
21 there. You know what I'm saying. You either going to hold or
22 you're going to fold. You know what I'm saying. You get to
23 those breaking points, you hold or you fold, and it's just
24 that time where you make a decision that's going to impact
25 your life. You know what I'm saying. I think when I got to

1 that point in my life, Your Honor, I folded.

2 I remember when I had my apartment and I was working
3 at the heating and cooling company and I was making a nice
4 amount of money, it was an air duct cleaning company, so we
5 was going around and cleaning air ducts. I don't know if you
6 remember on the news, they started talking about the air
7 ducts, and they was saying it was a big scam, so we started
8 losing a lot of business, but I was a good salesman. You know
9 what I'm saying. So my days started getting shorter. I was
10 making a nice little amount of money, so I was able to keep up
11 my life. I was able to pay all my bills and pay my car note
12 and, you know, all that. I started losing days, and I started
13 working like two days a week, and money just got funny, and it
14 was just like, dang, so I will go get a second job. I started
15 working at another company out in St. Charles, and I got two
16 jobs, and it was a lot of stress, it was a lot of pressure,
17 but I was maintaining it. I was doing what I was supposed to
18 do.

19 I got laid off from my one job, and the job I was at
20 in St. Charles, I wasn't making enough money. So now I make
21 the decision, I said, you know what, I am going to get me some
22 weed. You know what I'm saying. I was scared, Your Honor. I
23 didn't want to sell drugs. That wasn't my lifestyle no more.
24 You know what I'm saying. I went to jail for selling drugs.
25 And I got this weed, Your Honor. I got a half pound. I got a

1 half pound of weed and a little money. I said I'm going to
2 flip this, I'm going to try to make some money. I didn't get
3 through the first ounce when I caught that case in the city
4 that I got on probation for. You know, it was like a wake-up
5 call. It was like shit -- excuse my french, like dang, you
6 know, I got to do something different. I have got to do
7 something differently.

8 But, Your Honor, I think, Your Honor, I just started
9 to spiral. I end up getting put out of my apartment, and
10 that's when everything just went. It was like, man, I started
11 hanging out at the Peabody projects, and the people I was
12 hanging with, they were sippin that Lean, they call it Lean,
13 that syrup. I got into that, Your Honor. I started back
14 using heroin. You know what I'm saying. I got back to using
15 drugs, and it was like a down spiral. And, Your Honor, I got
16 into this stuff, Your Honor. You know, first it was, you
17 know, I can do this or we can do this and we can get high and
18 that will be okay. You know what I'm saying. It just
19 spiraled out of control. It went to something that I didn't
20 want it to be. You know what I'm saying. But I didn't make
21 the right decisions, Your Honor. I made the wrong decisions,
22 Your Honor.

23 And then I met the young lady, Your Honor, you know.
24 And I want it to be known, when I met her, I didn't meet her
25 under the pretense that she was a juvenile. You know what I

1 am saying. I met her under the pretense that she was an
2 adult. That's what I thought. But then, Your Honor, I found
3 out she was a juvenile. And after we got arrested and I found
4 out, you know what I'm saying, Your Honor, I could have
5 stopped right there, Your Honor. I could have stopped right
6 there, Your Honor. You know what I'm saying. I could have
7 just left it alone. I could have did a lot of things
8 different. You know what I'm saying. I could have, but I
9 didn't, Your Honor. It was my choices. You know what I'm
10 saying.

11 And I was out there. I was just out getting high,
12 and I was just making the wrong decisions in my life, you
13 know. And I think that after that happened -- and, Your
14 Honor, I think the best thing that happened after that was I
15 was put on the six months GPS because my wife moved back up
16 here from Georgia, and we got a house out in Jennings, and
17 things just changed for me when she moved back to St. Louis
18 because then it was like she was here and she helped me get
19 back off drugs, and then I got a job, and I was on six months
20 GPS for my state probation, and I just left the lifestyle
21 alone. And I was working, I was dealing with my family, but I
22 still have struggles. You know what I'm saying. But like I
23 say, Your Honor, it was my decisions, and I did what I did,
24 and I apologize. This just didn't affect me or the people who
25 were involved; it affected all of our families. You know what

1 I'm saying. And I am, I'm sorry. You know what I am saying.
2 I made the wrong decisions, and I am sorry, Your Honor. I
3 have got to live with that. That's all I can say, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: And that's a lot. Any legal cause why
5 sentence should not now be imposed?

6 MR. MARGULIS: No, Your Honor.

7 MS. WINFIELD: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: You know, Mr. Wilson, before the marshals
9 brought you out, I had some students in here, and one of the
10 kids said, Do you have fun sentencing people, Judge, and my
11 answer -- I don't think you were here then, maybe you came out
12 right after that -- was no. Sentencing somebody is not fun.
13 There is nothing fun about sentencing. I can think of a
14 thousand things to say about sentencing, and none of those
15 things have to do with fun. It's just not fun. It's not fun
16 for you. It's not fun for me. It's not fun for your lawyer.
17 It's not fun for the prosecutor. It's not fun for anybody.
18 It's a very serious and sad thing because it affects everybody
19 in such a negative way, Mr. Wilson. It's particularly sad for
20 those individuals who have been directly affected by it; in
21 this instance, it would be you and the young lady that was put
22 through this, particularly sad. It may even be more sad,
23 Mr. Wilson, because, you know what, she will never recover
24 from the experience, not fully. She will never be the way she
25 was before it happened, and you will never be the way you were

1 before it happened.

2 You are an intelligent guy. You are an articulate
3 guy. You are an insightful guy, and I think from what you
4 said, Mr. Wilson, you have 100 percent, 100 percent,
5 appreciation and understanding for what you did and how it got
6 you here today. Because you have that understanding, the hope
7 is that you can use that and maintain that looking down the
8 road to not be in the situation again because you have that
9 insight.

10 Like so many others that come out of the BOP or out
11 of a prison at some point and have a plan to walk a better
12 road, like you said, life gets funny, and when life gets
13 funny, people make wrong decisions sometimes because they act
14 out of desperation. I think you get that now. And the key
15 for people to succeed, no matter who they are, whether they
16 just got out of the BOP or whether they just got out of some
17 state prison or whether they have never been there, is to
18 appreciate that during times of desperation, you should never
19 make a decision. You either stay where you are or go talk to
20 somebody to say this is the way you should go. You should
21 never act out of desperation. Desperation leads to this kind
22 of stuff or worse. There are worse things that could happen
23 from desperate decisions like this, Mr. Wilson. You know that
24 because you've got a good head on your shoulder.

25 The fact that you fully recognize how you got to

1 where you are does not excuse what you did. It doesn't even
2 diminish the severity of it, but it does provide hope for you
3 that the cycle has ended for you being in places like this
4 when your sentence is complete. The other aspect, too,
5 Mr. Wilson, is this. I think that maybe you can share those
6 thoughts with people that you come in contact with to help
7 them get some understanding so that they don't come back in
8 here again. You already know the circumstance of the prison
9 population because you have been there. You know who is
10 there. You know why they are there. And the issue for them
11 is to make decisions and to come to a realization of who they
12 are so that they don't go there again. I think the words that
13 you shared with us today are words that you can share with
14 people that you come in contact with, Mr. Wilson, that can
15 help them make decisions to not be there again. They have
16 families and wives, too, and children. They want to be with
17 them. Those families want to be with their husbands or their
18 wives because that's the way it is supposed to be.

19 This is a terrible crime. This is the United States
20 of America, Mr. Wilson. It is not some jacked-up Third World
21 nation. It is not some nation that disrespects people but
22 more importantly that disrespects women. It's a nation that
23 respects and cares for everybody regardless of their gender,
24 regardless of their religious belief, regardless of their
25 race, their pigment, their ethnicity. It is a nation of

1 respect. You cannot disrespect the rights of an individual
2 just because they are of a different gender, just because they
3 are a woman. You cannot use them for your own benefit. You
4 cannot use them to line your own pockets. You can't sell and
5 barter a woman in the United States of America, Mr. Wilson.
6 It's not what we do. Not only is it illegal, it's immoral.
7 It's unconscionable. It's unthinkable. It's unfathomable.
8 In a very simple way of saying it, Mr. Wilson, it ain't right.
9 Nobody has the right to do that.

10 You talked about your mother, and you talked about
11 the things that your father did to your mother, and I know
12 that that hurt you, it still does, but by the same token, you
13 did the same thing to this young girl. You made her your
14 whipping post but in a different way. It's not right. It's
15 disrespectful. It's even un-American. It's not what we do.
16 You have no right to do that. I am ashamed for you. Do you
17 understand me, Mr. Wilson?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: There now being no legal cause why
20 sentence should not now be imposed, it is the order and
21 judgment of the Court pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of
22 1984 and pursuant to the provisions of 18 USC Section 3553(a)
23 that the defendant be committed to the custody of the Bureau
24 of Prisons for a term of 120 months. The sentence imposed
25 herein is to be served and run consecutively to the term of

1 imprisonment imposed in case number 1222-CR0577 in the Circuit
2 Court for the City of St. Louis. While in the custody of the
3 Bureau of Prisons, it is recommended that the defendant be
4 evaluated for participation in the sex offender treatment and
5 counseling program, occupational educational program if that
6 is consistent with Bureau of Prisons' policies. Upon release
7 from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised
8 release for a term of life. Within 72 hours of release from
9 the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, the defendant shall
10 report in person to the probation office in the district to
11 which the defendant is released. While on supervision, the
12 defendant will comply with the standard conditions that have
13 been adopted by the Court and the following additional
14 conditions. If it is determined that there are costs
15 associated with any services provided, defendant will pay
16 those costs based on a co-payment fee established by the
17 Probation Office.

18 Defendant will refrain from any unlawful use of
19 controlled substances and submit to a drug test within 15 days
20 of commencement of supervision and at least two periodic drug
21 tests thereafter for use of controlled substances. Defendant
22 will participate in a substance abuse treatment program
23 approved by the Probation Office which may include substance
24 abuse testing, counseling, Residential Re-Entry Center
25 placement, residential or inpatient treatment. Defendant will

1 participate in a sex offense specific treatment program, and
2 defendant will enter, cooperate, and complete the program
3 until released by the Probation Office. During the course of
4 the treatment, defendant will be subject to periodic and
5 random physiological testing which may include but is not
6 limited to polygraph testing or other specialized assessment
7 instruments. Defendant will comply with all federal, state,
8 and local sex offender registration laws and provide
9 verification of registration to the Probation Office.

10 Defendant will be prohibited from contact with
11 children under the age of 18 without the prior written
12 permission of the Probation Office and report to the Probation
13 Office immediately but in no event later than 24 hours any
14 unauthorized contact with children under the age of 18.
15 Defendant will be prohibited from engaging in any occupation,
16 business, profession, or volunteer work where he has access to
17 children under the age of 18 without prior written approval
18 from the Probation Office. Defendant will not frequent,
19 loiter, or reside within 500 feet of schools, parks,
20 playgrounds, arcades, daycare facilities, or other places
21 frequented by children under the age of 18 without prior
22 written approval from the Probation Office.

23 Defendant will not enter the premises or loiter near
24 where the victims reside or are employed or frequent except
25 under circumstances approved in writing by the Probation

1 Office. Defendant will pay the costs of any future counseling
2 for the victims of this offense should counseling be pursued.
3 The defendant will also submit his person, residence, office,
4 computer, or vehicle to a search conducted by the Probation
5 Office based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or
6 evidence of a violation of a condition of release. Defendant
7 will warn any other residents that the premises may be subject
8 to searches pursuant to this condition.

9 Defendant will not possess or use any audio or visual
10 recording or producing equipment, a computer, peripheral
11 equipment, gaming equipment, cellular devices, or any other
12 devices with access to any online computer services or
13 subscribe to or use any internet service in any location
14 without the written approval of the Probation Office. If
15 approval is given, defendant will consent to the Probation
16 Office or probation service representative conducting
17 unannounced examinations including retrieval and copying of
18 all data of any computer or computer-related equipment to
19 which the defendant has access, including web-enabled cell
20 phones and gaming systems to ensure compliance with this
21 condition or removal of such equipment for the purpose of
22 conducting a more thorough inspection. Defendant will advise
23 the Probation Office of all computers, electronic equipment,
24 and web-enabled equipment including cell phones to which he
25 possesses or has access within 24 hours of obtaining the same.

1 The Court finds that the defendant does not have the
2 ability to pay a fine, and lastly, it is further ordered that
3 the defendant pay to the United States a special assessment of
4 \$100, which will be due immediately. Anything else,
5 Mr. Margulis?

6 MR. MARGULIS: Your Honor, just briefly. I would ask
7 the Court if the Court would consider recommending to the
8 Bureau of Prisons that Mr. Wilson serve his time somewhere in
9 the southeast region, specifically the medium security
10 institution at either Talladega, Alabama or Jesup, Georgia if
11 he qualifies, and I would also ask if the Court would consider
12 recommending to the Bureau of Prisons that Mr. Wilson be able
13 to participate in the residential drug abuse program again if
14 he qualifies.

15 THE COURT: All right. It will be the further order
16 of Court that the defendant be considered and evaluated for
17 placement at a facility in the southeast region, preferably
18 Talladega or alternatively the facility at Jesup. It will
19 also be the -- I think I -- no, maybe I didn't. It will also
20 be the further order of Court that the defendant be evaluated
21 for participation in the RDAP program. Anything else?

22 MR. MARGULIS: No, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Anything further on behalf of the United
24 States?

25 MS. WINFIELD: Yes, Your Honor. As the defendant

1 pled guilty to Count One of the superseding indictment, the
2 Government requests dismissal of the indictment.

3 THE COURT: It will be the order of the Court that
4 the indictment will be dismissed on oral motion of the United
5 States. Having sentenced you as noted Mr. Wilson, it is now
6 my obligation to inform you of your rights regarding appeal,
7 so listen carefully. You may appeal the sentence and judgment
8 in this matter, but you have to do that within 14 days of
9 today's date. If you don't file your notice of appeal before
10 the 14 days runs out, then you will have given up your right
11 to appeal the sentence and judgment. If you cannot afford to
12 pay the costs of filing the notice of appeal, you can request
13 that the costs be waived, and if the costs are waived, then
14 the Clerk of the Court will file the notice of appeal free of
15 charge in your behalf. You may appeal the sentence and
16 judgment where you feel or believe that it violates the law in
17 some fashion or is otherwise contrary to the law or if it is
18 void or voidable on its face.

19 In any event, I believe, Mr. Wilson, that you have
20 given up your right to appeal by virtue of your plea agreement
21 in this case and your plea on the record consistent with that
22 agreement. If you preserved any aspects of appeal, they are
23 limited to those things that relate to ineffective assistance
24 of counsel or prosecutorial misconduct, okay?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Do you understand your rights of appeal
2 as I have described them to you?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

6 THE COURT: All right. That will conclude this
7 proceeding. The defendant is remanded to the custody of the
8 marshal to begin service of his sentence forthwith. Good luck
9 to you, Mr. Wilson.

10 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 11:08 A.M.)

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